

INTERAGENCY COORDINATING COUNCIL ON EARLY INTERVENTION

GENERAL MEETING

SEPTEMBER 15, 2006

MEMBERS PRESENT:

- Raymond M. Peterson, M.D., Chair
- Jim Bellotti, Designee for Jack O'Connell, Superintendent of Public Instruction (CDE)
- Arleen Downing, M.D.
- Diana Downing, M.A. ABD, Designee for Steve Mayberg, Director (CDMH)
- Gretchen Hester
- Rick Ingraham, Designee for Terri Delgadillo, Interim Director/Chief Deputy Director (DDS)
- Hallie Morrow M.D., Designee for Sandra Shewry, Director (CDHS)
- Marie Kanne Poulson, Ph.D.
- Theresa Rossini
- Beverley Morgan Sandoz
- Elaine Fogel Schneider, Ph.D.
- Jacqueline Tinetti, Designee for Kathy Jett, Director of Alcohol and Drug Programs (DADP)
- Cheryl Treadwell, Designee for Cliff Allenby, Interim Director (CDSS)

MEMBERS ABSENT:

- Toni Gonzales
- Sylvia Gates Carlisle M.D.
- Designee for Cindy Ehnes, Director (DMHC)
- Legislative Representative

OTHERS PRESENT:

- Toni Doman
- Debbie Sarmento
- Linda Landry
- Kevin Brown

Refer to Attachment A for complete listing of attendees

RECORDER:

- Wendy Santos

INTRODUCTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Peterson called the meeting to order at 8:55 a.m. and welcomed Rhonda Spence from the federal Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP). Rhonda acknowledged the accomplishments and dedication of California's ICC Members and Community Representatives and shared her impressions of the Standing Committees she visited. She also announced that OSEP would be in California in October to conduct a three-day verification visit. Following Rhonda's comments, self-introduction of ICC members and participants were made.

Dr. Peterson congratulated Elaine Fogel-Schneider on the recent release of her new book entitled *Massage Your Baby: The Joy of Touch Therapy*.

Debbie Sarmiento announced an upcoming training event being offered in Lake Tahoe on October 20-21, 2006, entitled *Developmental Disabilities over the Life Span*.

Rick Ingraham reminded the ICC about the Health and Wellness Forum that will be held in San Diego on September 27-29, 2006.

AGENDA REVIEW

The agenda was reviewed and approved.

APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 2006, MEETING MINUTES

The minutes for the September 2006 ICC meeting were approved as submitted.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Theresa Rossini reported on the Executive Committee meeting held the previous day and thanked Rhonda Spence for her attendance. Theresa then shared discussions related to the status of Standing Committee priorities, options available to Standing Committees for meeting scheduled timelines, and the management of recommendations from committees that are unrelated to the identified priorities. She also shared ideas discussed for upcoming ICC presentations, the possibility of establishing a Mentoring Ad Hoc Committee to assist parents new to the Interagency Coordinating Council on Early Intervention (ICC), and the Department of Developmental Services' (DDS) vacancies (refer to September Executive Committee minutes in this packet).

Parent Leadership Ad Hoc Workgroup

Gretchen Hester reported that the workgroup had been looking at ways to provide childcare onsite and/or childcare reimbursement at ICC meetings to enable more parent/family participation. The workgroup also discussed conducting an online survey of the ICC Members and Community Representatives for clarity on the diversity of current representation and their desire to collaborate with the Public Awareness Committee (PAC) on the development of "parent-friendly" materials for the Newcomer's Orientation. Gretchen suggested, and the ICC agreed, to hold the Newcomer's Orientation on Thursday mornings rather than Friday mornings. The ICC also agreed to establish an Ad Hoc Mentoring Workgroup to include representatives from the Parent Leadership Workgroup and Public Awareness Committee.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Dr. Peterson opened by acknowledging the hard work of the ICC members and emphasized the importance of having community member and parent involvement in the ICC meetings. Dr. Peterson also noted the ICC member vacancies, that he had talked with the Secretary of the California Health & Human Services Agency regarding the matter, and encouraged attendees to submit their applications for ICC membership to the Governor's office.

Dr. Peterson shared that Diane Kellegrew and Kay Ryan would no longer participate as Community Representatives but would continue to participate as staff of WestEd. He then welcomed Diana Downing as the Department of Mental Health Representative and Jacqueline Tinetti who attended the meeting for the Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs.

ICC STAFF MANAGER REPORT

Kevin Brown reported that the authorized reimbursement rate for the use of personally owned vehicles had been increased to .445 cents per mile. He also reported that procedural changes regarding Southwest airline (SWABIZ) travel had been implemented and that a handout with information was available. He further emphasized the importance of following the new travel rules in order to receive the appropriate reimbursement rates and stated that those affected would receive an email with complete instructions.

Kevin shared that a new Community Program Specialist had been hired at DDS but that four key vacancies still exist. He added that interviews have been scheduled and that an exam for the Community Program Specialist classification has been developed by the Department, which will help fill the vacancies.

Kevin concluded by expressing concern over the short turnaround time between the September and November ICC meetings and emphasized the need for committee members and staff to submit materials for the November meeting by the deadline to ensure inclusion into the ICC packet.

FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER NETWORK OF CALIFORNIA REPORT (FRCNCA)

Linda Landry reported on the activities of the FRNCA. The full report is included as Attachment B.

ACTION ITEM

The dates for the 2007 ICC meetings were reviewed and approved as submitted as follows:

- February 22-23
- May 17-18
- September 20-21
- November 29-30

PUBLIC INPUT

Gretchen Hester, ICC parent, read a letter from a parent acknowledging the exceptional services offered by the Blind Babies Foundation (Attachment C).

Judith Lesner, the mother of a 23 year-old child born with low vision, cerebral palsy, and other disabilities, also shared her positive experience with the Blind Babies Foundation services. Her son Jacob is now attending his fourth year in college.

Ed Gold, the father of a child with multiple disabilities, noted his child's life had greatly improved because of services received through early intervention, including the services from the Blind Babies Foundation. He also informed participants of his decision to appeal non-payment of nursing services for his son while attending camp in the hopes that his decision would set precedence for other families who want their children to attend camp but that cannot afford to pay denied services. The case is currently within the fair hearing process.

Shane Nurnberg informed attendees that a regional center declined assistive device services for a child, expressing concern that perhaps the decision was based on the fact the child was two weeks away from turning three years of age and would be exiting the Early Start system.

Rebecca Carroll read a letter (Attachment D) from a parent whose child's services were not initiated until the child was one year old because the parent did not know the eligibility criteria. In the letter, the parent expressed concern that some full-term infants eligible for Early Start services were being overlooked due to the medical community not being clear on eligibility criteria or because of a lack of understanding/action on the part of the family.

Laurie Jordan shared input gathered from families located in Ventura County. (Attachment E).

Lisa O'Conner, member of the California Speech-Language-Hearing Association, encouraged DDS to modify the Title 17 regulations in order to include Speech-Language Pathology Assistants, stating that it would help alleviate the shortage of speech-language services.

Robin Millar expressed her appreciation for the 3 percent Cost of Living Adjustment for all vendored programs identified in the Governor's Budget, effective July 1, 2006, noting that there is an additional 2 percent available for salary adjustment for specified service providers. Robin also informed attendees of the upcoming Infant Development Association conferences (see ICC Handout section in this packet).

Jim Belotti reiterated his prior suggestion that efforts should be made to ensure issues, suggestions, and recommendations surfaced during Public Input sessions are properly addressed. Arleen Downing stated that she did not feel individual issues were the charge of the ICC but that if input identified systemic issues, it should be addressed within Standing Committees.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Jim Belotti introduced Meredith Cathcart from the Special Education Division within the California Department of Education (CDE) and Anne Kushner from Sonoma State University who presented information on the Access and Desired Results Developmental Profile. Anne informed attendees that materials related to the presentation would be available on the CDE website in October 2006. She presented information regarding the current status of the Access and Desired Results Developmental Profile associated with California's preschool children ages three, four, and five years and Meredith addressed the preschool State Performance Plan and related parameters set by the CDE. Of particular note, Meredith informed participants that nearly ten years had been invested in the project and provided information on the federal requirements behind its inception (Attachment F).

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Each of the Standing Committees reported on the activities of their meetings. Specific details can be found in the committee notes included in the ICC packet. Highlights of each were:

- PAC: Discussed including Early Start materials in California First 5's *Parent Kits* and development of information kits for health care providers. The committee suggested the possibility of a First 5 representative as a non-voting member of the ICC. It was decided that the Executive Committee would review the suggestions. A summary of the meeting between the ISHC and PAC regarding the Physicians' brochure was also provided.
- FRSC: Agreed to hold an additional meeting to scale back their priority and focus on meeting the current timeline.
- ISH: Reviewed materials, developed outcomes, and discussed an Action Item regarding the Speech-Language Pathology Assistant for the November meeting.
- QSDS: Agreed to develop a list of questions to obtain information from State partner agencies about the services they provide addressing the social and emotional well-being of infants and toddlers, birth to three years of age.

Discussion ensued regarding the permanent committee assignments for the DMH and ADP representatives. Dr. Peterson indicated they would be assigned to a Standing Committee based on committee needs.

AGENCY REPORTS

Department representatives provided an overview regarding their Department's activities. Full details can be found in their respective, written reports. Highlights were:

- Diana Downing reported for DMH (Attachment G): The Mental Health Services Act and the retention of funding for County Mental Health Offices providing services in school settings.
- Jacqueline Tinetti reported for DADP (Attachment H): The San Diego State University Center for Behavioral Teratology study of adolescents diagnosed with Fetal Alcohol Syndrome; Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Awareness Day was September 9, 2006; and

DRAFT – Pending Approval

DADP has received a 10 million dollar augmentation for Methamphetamine Public Awareness.

- Rick Ingraham reported for DDS (Attachment I): Status of updated Part C, IDEA regulations, OSEP reporting requirements, timeline for the Annual Performance Report, and the upcoming OSEP verification visit.
- Jim Belotti reported for CDE (Attachment J): Updates to the CDE web site, grant award for two additional Family Empowerment Centers, and upcoming training activities including the Office of Special Education Program's Leadership Conference.
- Hallie Morrow reported for DHS (Attachment K): Recent appointments, the Quality Improvement Initiative, restructuring of the High Risk Infant Follow-up Program, and current issues surrounding access for audiology services.
- Cheryl Treadwell reported for DSS (Attachment J): A \$156 million increase for Children's Services, the Katie A. lawsuit, and the status of the All County Letter to County Welfare Departments related to the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA).

OTHER BUSINESS

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ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:46 p.m.

STAFF AND OTHERS ATTENDING ICC GENERAL MEETING

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COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES

Zelna Banks
Rebecca Carroll
Ellen Cervantes
Bev Ching
Wanda Davis
Edward Gold
Susan Graham
Laurie Jordan
Julie Kingsley
Linda Landry
Dwight Lee, M.D.
Robin Millar
Peter Michael Miller, M.D.
Ivette Pena, M.D.
Letha Sellars
Nenita Herrera-Sioco
Shirley Stihler
Sherry Torok
Julie Woods

GUESTS

Angela Humphrey
Rosaline Lee
Mary Lunn
Catherine Mikitka
Shane L. Nurnberg
Lisa C. O'Connor
Felice Parisi, M.D.
Cyndi Ryan
Rhonda Spence

ICC COMMITTEE STAFF

Peter Guerrero
Diane Kellegrew, Ph.D.
Angela McGuire
Stephanie Myers
Virginia Reynolds
Kay Ryan

DEPARTMENT LIAISONS

Suzanne Del Sarto
Karen Johnson
Nancy Grosz Sager
Patric Widmann
Sue Winar